JOINT PUBLIC NOTICE

CHARLESTON DISTRICT, CORPS OF ENGINEERS
69A Hagood Avenue
Charleston, South Carolina 29403-5107
and

THE S.C. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL
Office of Environmental Quality Control
Water Quality Certification and Wetlands Programs Section
2600 Bull Street
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

REGULATORY DIVISION Refer to: P/N #2006-1138-2IG-C

4 AUGUST 2006

Pursuant to Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 (33 U.S.C. 403), Sections 401 and 404 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1344), and the South Carolina Coastal Zone Management Act (48-39-10 et.seq.) an application has been submitted to the Department of the Army and the S.C. Department of Health and Environmental Control by

CENTEX HOMES, LLC
C/O NEWKIRK ENVIRONMENTAL, INC.
POST OFFICE BOX 746
MOUNT PLEASANT, SOUTH CAROLINA 29465

for a permit to place fill material in wetlands adjacent to the

STONO RIVER

At a location, a 410 acre tract of land located south of S. C. Highway 61 and north of U. S. Highway 17 in the West Ashley area of the City of Charleston, Charleston County, South Carolina. (Latitude 32.8047° - Longitude -80.0756°)

In order to give all interested parties an opportunity to express their views

NOTICE

is hereby given that written statements regarding the proposed work will be received by both of the above mentioned offices until

12 O'CLOCK NOON, TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2006

from those interested in the activity and whose interests may be affected by the proposed work.

The proposed work consists of placing fill material in approximately 1.28 acres of jurisdictional wetlands for construction of access roads and utilities. The applicant also proposes to fill 1.53 acres of non-jurisdictional wetlands for roads, utilities, stormwater management, lot development and amenities. The applicant also will hand clear 0.14 acres of wetlands and construct pedestrian/bicycle/cart bridges, and construct 180 LF of 8' wide pedestrian/bicycle/cart bridges across intertidal wetlands. As mitigation for the proposed impacts, the applicant proposes to preserve and enhance 65.37 acres of freshwater wetlands and 31.64 acres of 35' average width adjacent upland buffers. Additionally the applicant proposes to preserve 29.20 acres of jurisdictional wetlands enhanced by 3.83 acres of upland buffers within boundaries of the Phase I development current underway (OCRM Stormwater Permit #10-05-07-16 issued October 27, 2005). The applicant has requested a twenty year

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permit from the Corps of Engineers. The purpose of the proposed work is to construct an economically viable master-planned community.

NOTE: Plans depicting the work described in this notice are available and will be provided, upon receipt of a written request, to anyone that is interested in obtaining a copy of the plans for the specific project. The request must identify the project of interest by public notice number and a self-addressed stamped envelope must also be provided for mailing the drawings to you. Your request for drawings should be addressed to the

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
ATTN: REGULATORY DIVISION
69A Hagood Avenue
Charleston, South Carolina 29403-5107.

The District Engineer has concluded that the discharges associated with this project, both direct and indirect, should be reviewed by the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control in accordance with provisions of Section 401 of the Clean Water Act. As such, this notice constitutes a request, on behalf of the applicant, for certification that this project will comply with applicable effluent limitations and water quality standards. The work shown on this application must also be certified as consistent with applicable provisions of the South Carolina Coastal Zone Management Act (15 CFR 930). The District Engineer will not process this application to a conclusion until such certifications are received. The applicant is hereby advised that supplemental information may be required by the State to facilitate the review. Persons wishing to comment or object to State certification must submit all comments in writing to the S.C. Department of Health and Environmental Control at the above address within thirty (30) days of the date of this notice.

This notice initiates the Essential Fish Habitat (EFH) consultation requirements of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act. Implementation of the proposed project would impact 1.28 acres of freshwater wetlands upstream of estuarine substrates and emergent wetlands utilized by various life stages of species comprising the red drum, shrimp, and snapper-grouper management complexes. Our initial determination is that the proposed action would not have a substantial individual or cumulative adverse impact on EFH or fisheries managed by the South Atlantic Fishery Management Council and the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS). Our final determination relative to project impacts and the need for mitigation measures is subject to review by and coordination with the NMFS.

Pursuant to Section 7(c) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (as amended), the applicant has provided a protected species survey for the property associated with the activity described above. Based upon this report, the District Engineer has determined that the project is not likely to adversely affect any federally endangered, threatened, or proposed species or result in the destruction or adverse modification of designated or proposed critical habitat. This public notice serves as a request for written concurrence from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and/or the National Marine Fisheries Service on this determination.

Pursuant to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA), this public notice also constitutes a request to Indian Tribes to notify the District Engineer of any historic properties of religious and cultural significance to them that may be affected by the proposed undertaking.

In accordance with the NHPA, the District Engineer has also consulted the latest published version of the National Register of Historic Places for the presence or absence of registered properties, or properties listed as being eligible for inclusion therein, and this worksite is not included as a registered property or property listed as being eligible for inclusion in the Register. To insure that other cultural resources that the District Engineer is not aware of are not overlooked, this public notice also serves as a request to the State Historic Preservation Office to provide any information it may have with regard to historic and cultural resources.

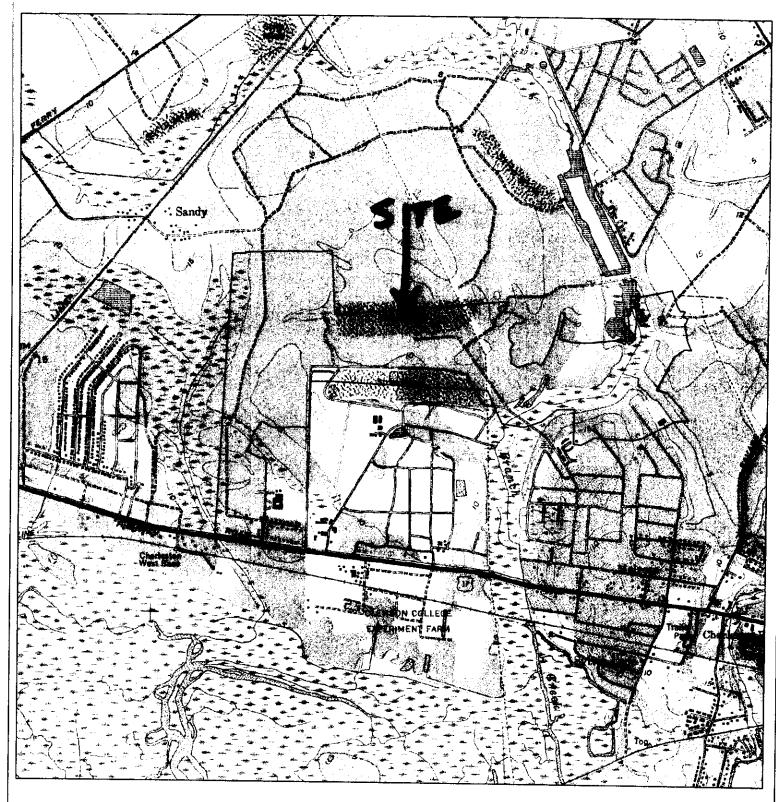
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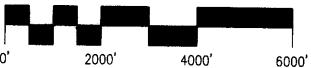
Any person may request, in writing, within the comment period specified in this notice, that a public hearing be held to consider this application. Requests for a public hearing shall state, with particularity, the reasons for holding a public hearing.

The decision whether to issue a permit will be based on an evaluation of the probable impact including cumulative impacts of the activity on the public interest and will include application of the guidelines promulgated by the Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), under authority of Section 404(b) of the Clean Water Act and, as appropriate, the criteria established under authority of Section 102 of the Marine Protection, Research and Sanctuaries Act of 1972, as amended. That decision will reflect the national concern for both protection and utilization of important resources. The benefit which reasonably may be expected to accrue from the project must be balanced against its reasonably foreseeable detriments. All factors which may be relevant to the project will be considered including the cumulative effects thereof; among those are conservation, economics, aesthetics, general environmental concerns, wetlands, historic properties, fish and wildlife values, flood hazards, flood plain values, land use, navigation, shoreline erosion and accretion, recreation, water supply and conservation, water quality, energy needs, safety, food and fiber production and, in general, the needs and welfare of the people. A permit will be granted unless the District Engineer determines that it would be contrary to the public interest. In cases of conflicting property rights, the Corps of Engineers cannot undertake to adjudicate rival claims.

The Corps of Engineers is soliciting comments from the public; Federal, state, and local agencies and officials; Indian Tribes; and other interested parties in order to consider and evaluate the impacts of this activity. Any comments received will be considered by the Corps of Engineers to determine whether to issue, modify, condition or deny a permit for this project. To make this decision, comments are used to assess impacts on endangered species, historic properties, water quality, general environmental effects, and the other public interest factors listed above. Comments are used in the preparation of an Environmental Assessment and/or an Environmental Impact Statement pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act. Comments are also used to determine the need for a public hearing and to determine the overall public interest of the activity.

If there are any questions concerning this public notice, please contact Mary Hope Glenn at 843-329-8044 or toll free at 1-866-329-8187.





Graphic Scale: 1" = 2000'



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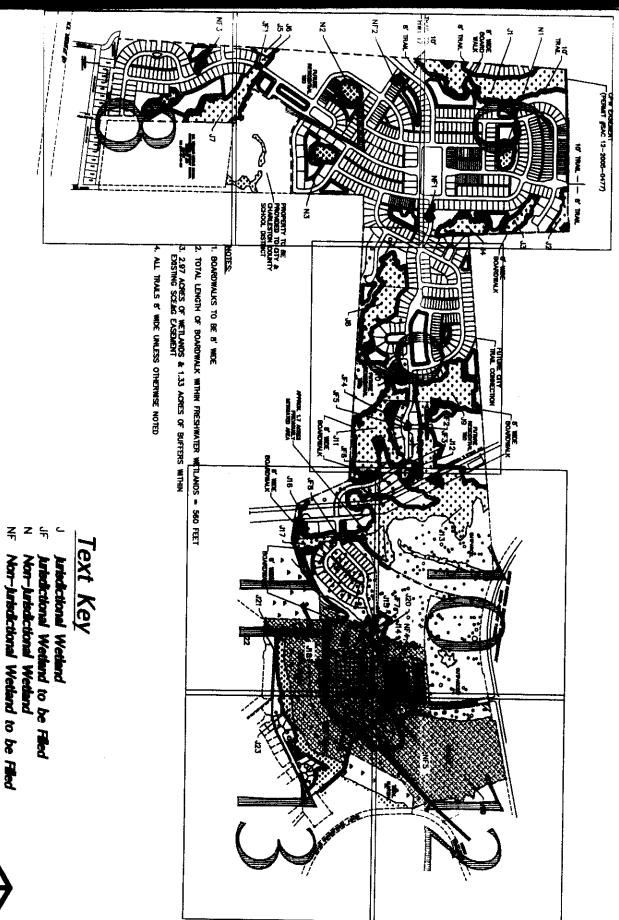
USGS LOCATION MAP JOHNS ISLAND QUAD N 32'-48'-27" W 80'-04'-17"



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LOCATION MAP

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SCALE: 1"=1200"

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<u>Legend</u>



404 Jurisdictional Wetlands To Remain



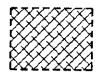
404 Jurisdictional Wetlands To Be Filled



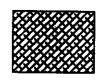
Isolated Non-Jurisdictional Wetlands To Remain



Isolated Non-Jurisdictional Wetlands To Be Filled



Permitted Phase 1



Wetland Buffer



Boardwalk Clearing (see wetland chart for clearing acres)



New Trail



New Pond



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| Wetland Information | Phase 1 | Phase 2 | Total |
|--|--------------|---------|---------|
| | 10-05-07-16) | | , c |
| Tract (Acres) | 89.440 | 410.426 | 499.866 |
| 404 Jurisdictional Wetlands | 29.206 | 65.010 | 94.2% |
| solated Non-Jurisdictional Wetlands | 0.458 | 5.148 | 5.606 |
| Tidal Marsh | 23.556 | 1709 | 25.265 |
| Wetland Impacts - | | 1 | |
| 404 Jurisdictional Wetland Fill - Road Construction | 0.000 | 1.281 | 1.281 |
| 404 Jurisdictional Wetland Clearing - Boardwalk Construction | 0.000 | 0.144 | 0.144 |
| lso. Non-Juris. Wetland Fil - Road Construction | 0.104 | 0.372 | 0.476 |
| lso. Non-Juris. Wetland Fill - Development Activities | 0.354 | 1.166 | 1.520 |
| Total Impacts | 0.458 | 2.963 | 3.421 |
| Netland Mitigation - | | | |
| 404 Jurisdictional Wetlands Preserved | 29.206 | 61.768 | 90.974 |
| Isolated Non-Jurisdictional Wetlands Preserved | 0.000 | 3.610 | 3.610 |
| Tidal Marsh | 23.556 | 1.709 | 25.265 |
| Upland Buffer Preserved | 3.830 | 31.646 | 35.476 |
| Total Mitigation | 56.592 | 98.733 | 155.325 |

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1.700 Ac. Removed For Jurisdictional Wetlands Previously Mitigated For Glenn McConnel 2970 Ac. of Wetlands Expressway, and 0.117 Ac. Removed For CPW Easement (Permit #SAC 12-2005-0477) 1.83 Ac. of Buffers Within Existing SCE&G Easement, Minimum Buffer Width

Width

t Wide, 180 Linear Feet 35 Feet 15 Feet

Boardwalk Over Average Buffer



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WETLAND INFORMATION

Wetland Information

PHASE 1

Jurisdictional

 J14
 0.331 AC.
 J18
 1.949 AC.

 J19
 26.92.2 AC.
 J21
 0.004 AC.

Non-Jurisdictional

NF4 0.149 AC. NF5 0.309 AC.

PHASE 2

Jurisdictional

| J1 | 9.038 AC. | J11 | 7.323 AC. | JF1 | 0. 168 AC. |
|------------|-----------|-------------|------------|------------|-------------------|
| J2 | 1.082 AC. | J12 | 0.473 AC. | JF2 | 0.069 AC. |
| J3 | 1.231 AC. | <i>J</i> 13 | 17.957 AC. | JF3 | 0.108 AC. |
| <i>J</i> 4 | 1.698 AC. | <i>J15</i> | 0.187 AC. | JF4 | 0.097 AC. |
| <i>J</i> 5 | 0.381 AC. | <i>J1</i> 6 | 0.332 AC. | <i>JF5</i> | 0.070 AC. |
| <i>J</i> 6 | 0.283 AC. | J17 | 1.387 AC. | JF6 | 0.128 AC. |
| J7 | 4.330 AC. | J20 | 0.659 AC. | JF7 | 0.493 AC. |
| <i>J</i> 8 | 5.635 AC. | <i>J22</i> | 0.096 AC. | JF8 | 0.148 AC. |
| J9 | 5.725 AC. | J23 | 5.422 AC. | - | |
| J10 | 0.490 AC. | | | | |

Non-Jurisdictional

| N1 | 0.842 AC. | NF1 | 0.456 AC. |
|----|-----------|-----|-----------|
| N2 | 0.887 AC. | NF2 | 0.366 AC. |
| N3 | 0.884 AC. | NF3 | 0.716 AC. |
| N4 | 0.997 AC. | | |

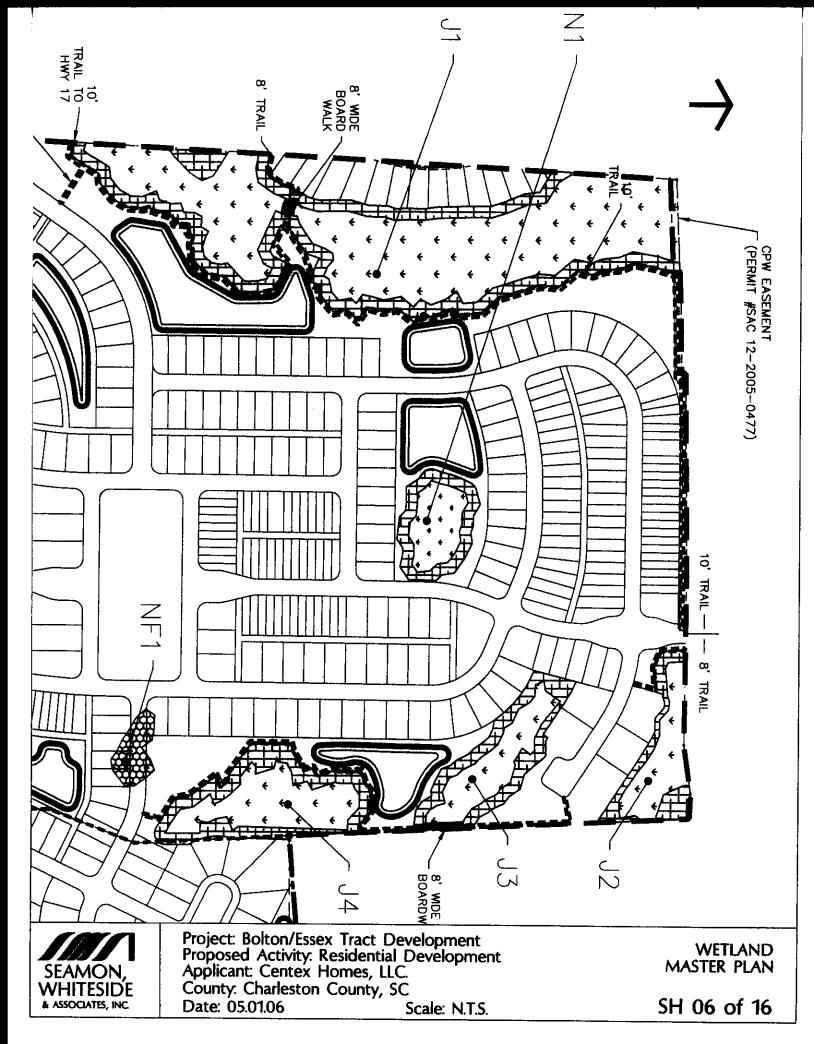


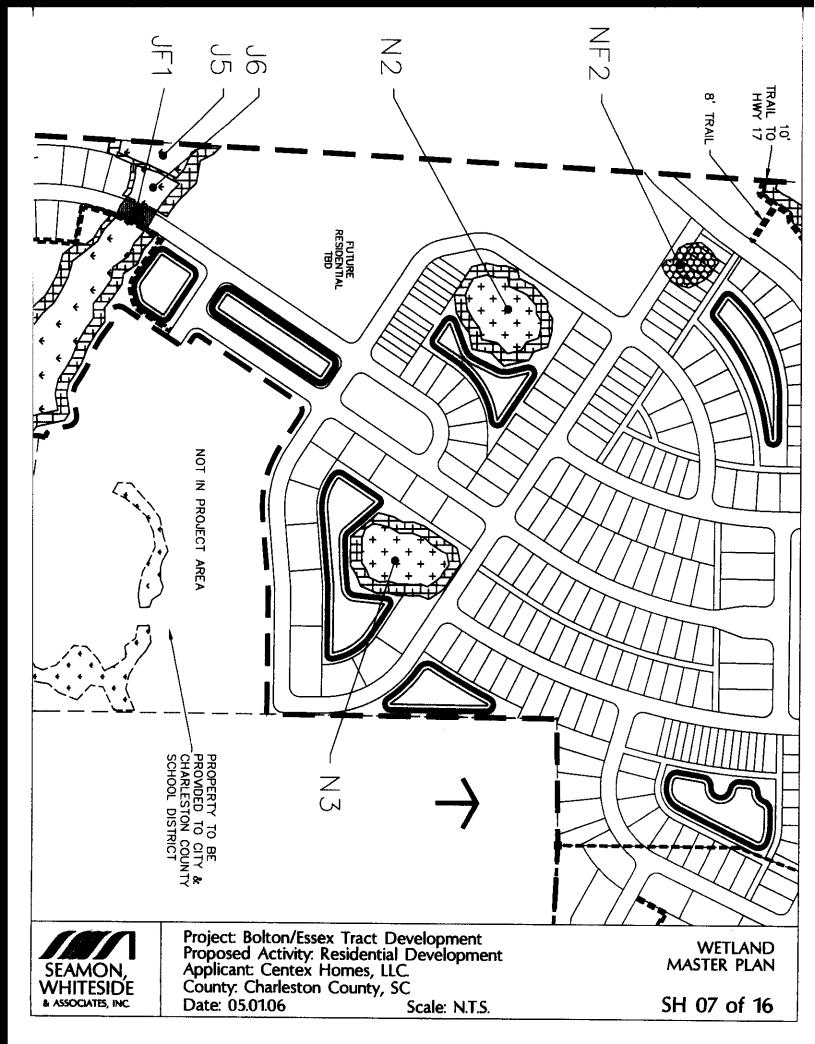
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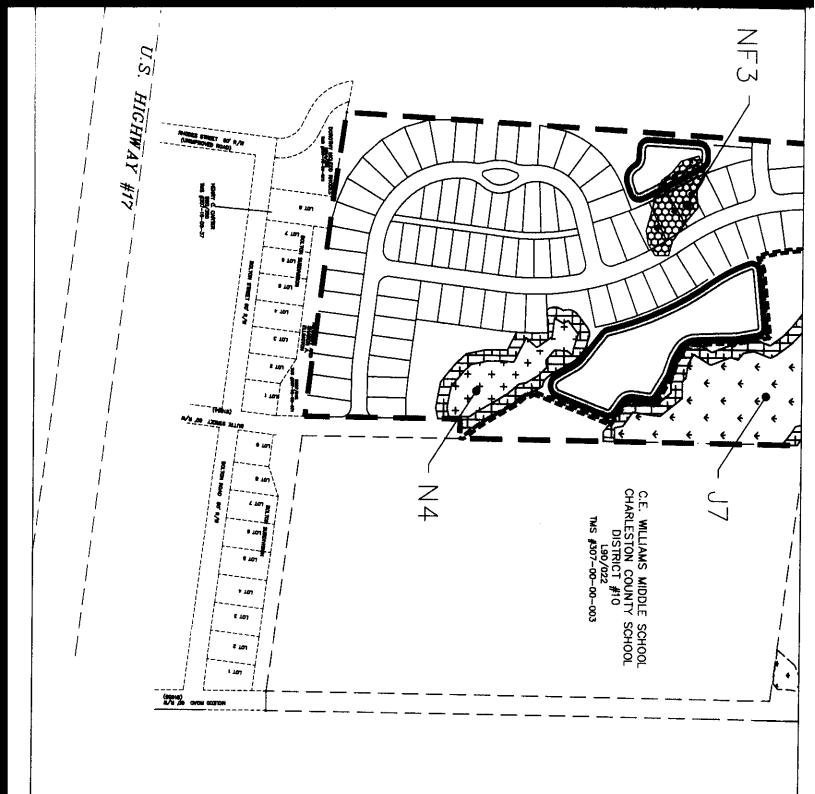
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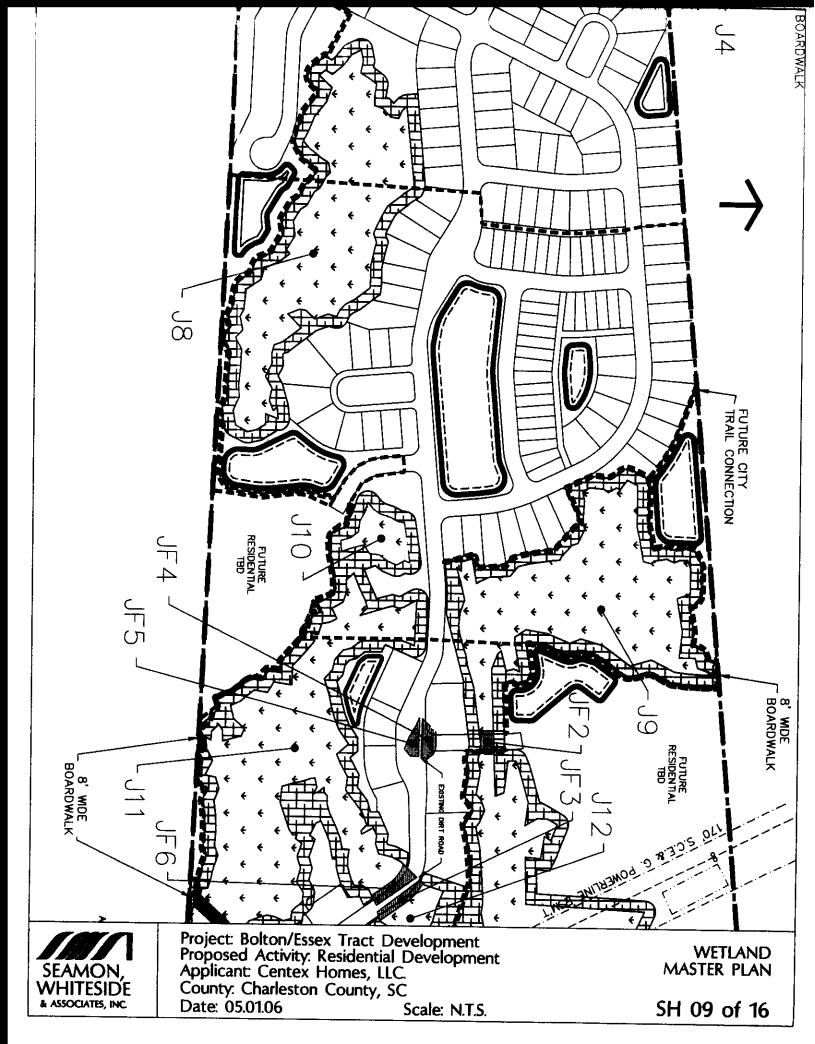


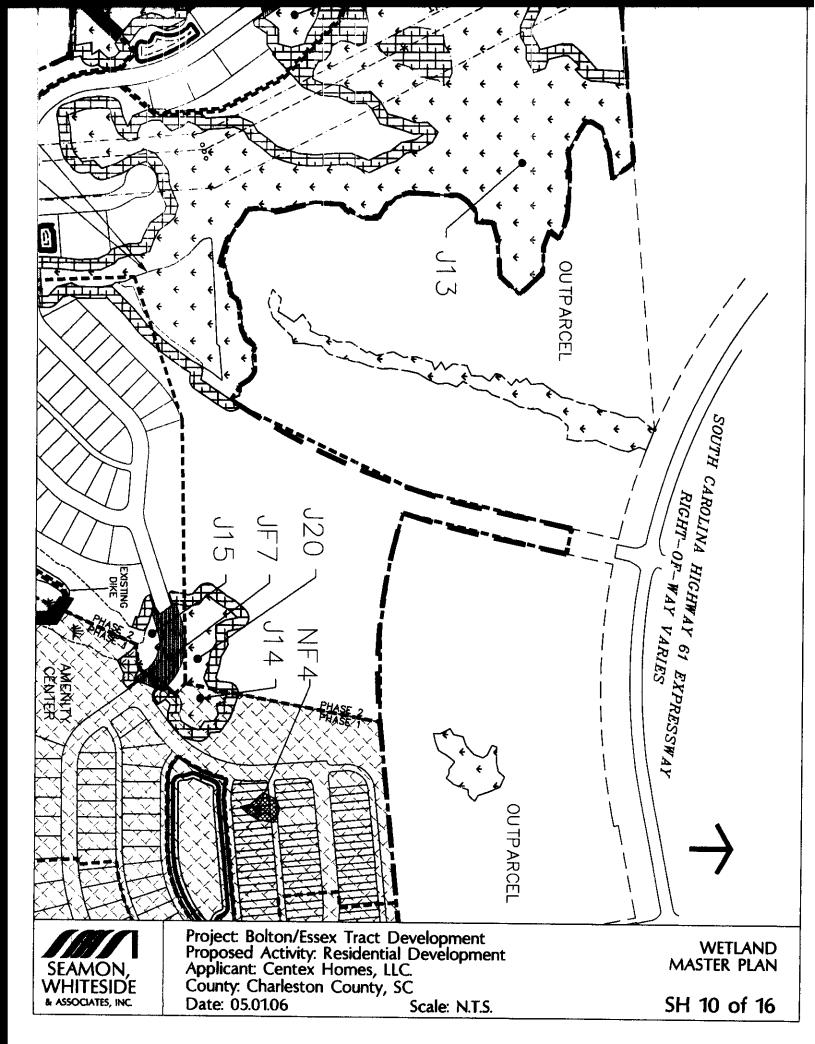


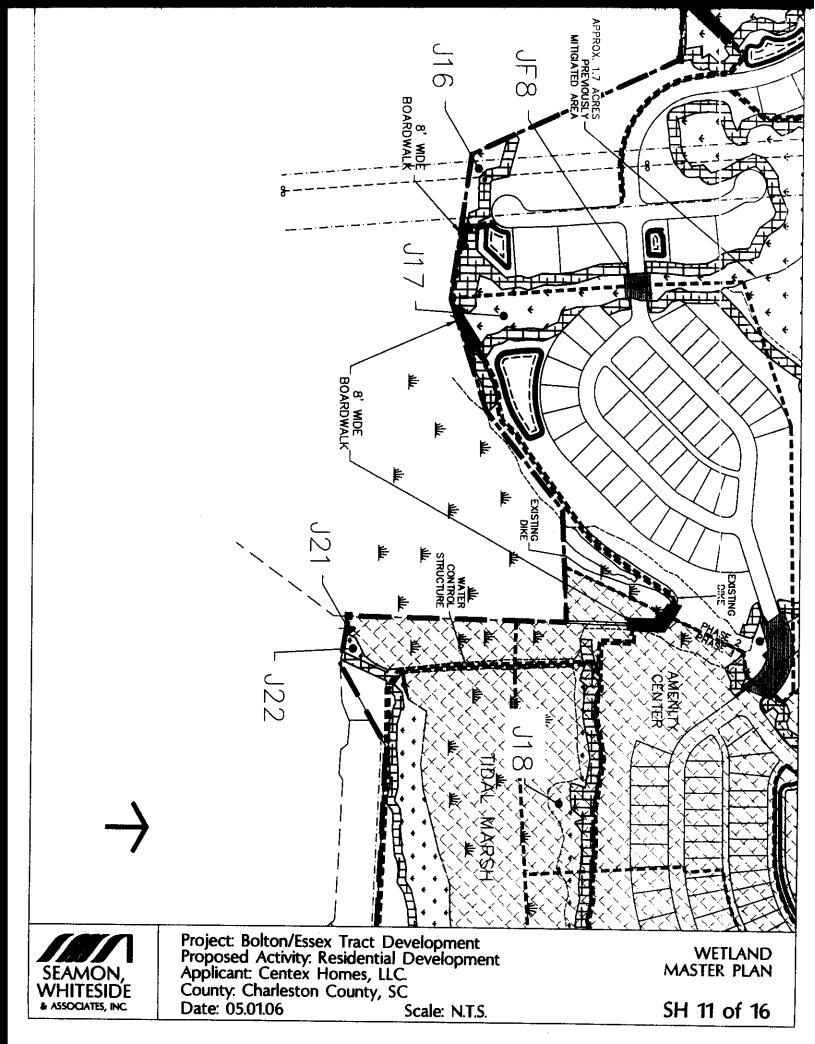


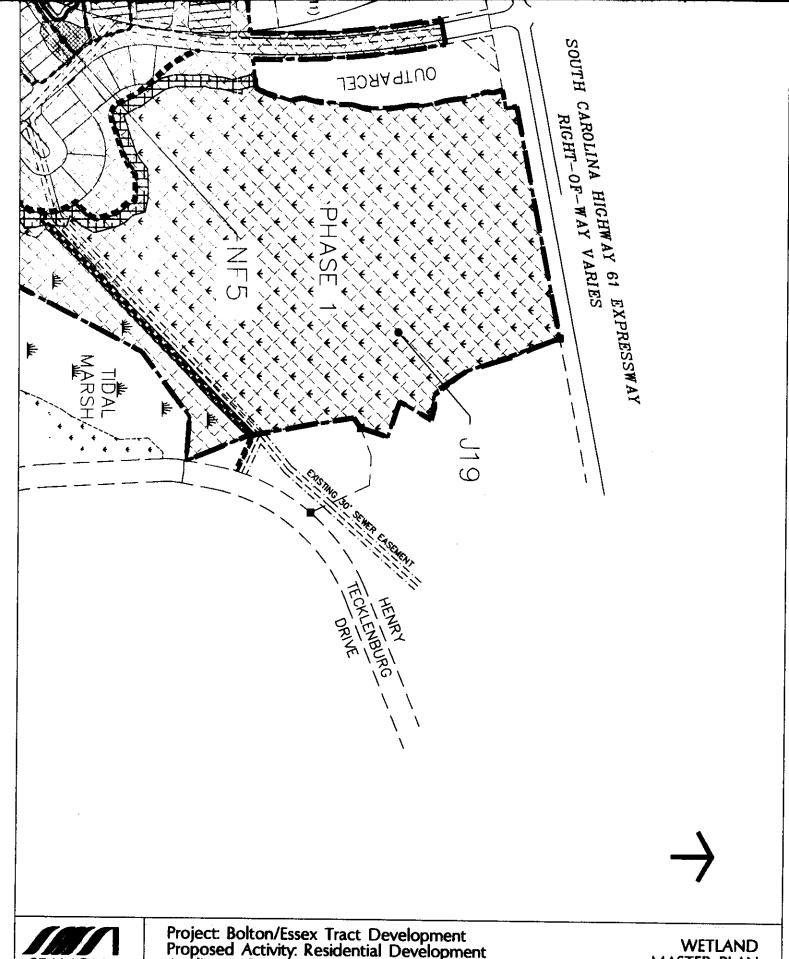
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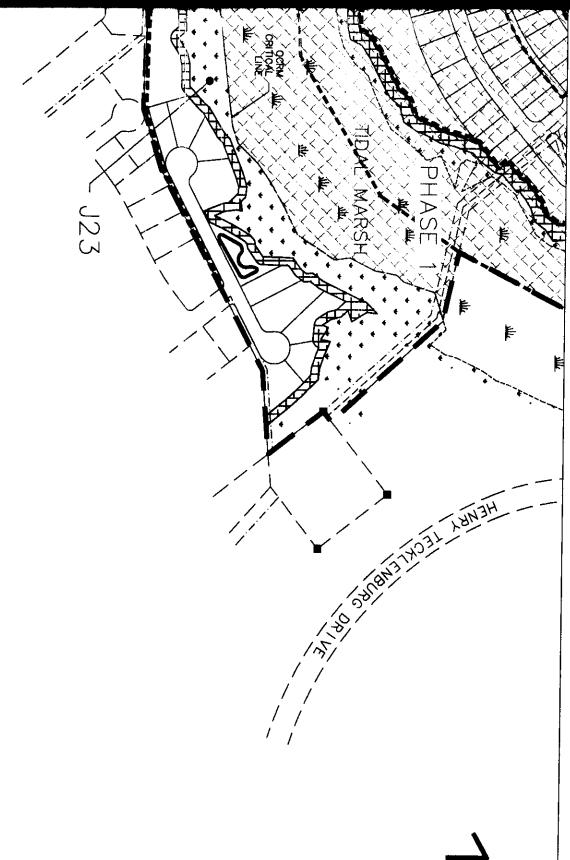


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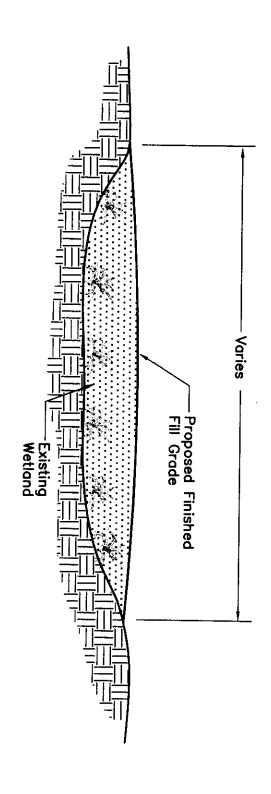






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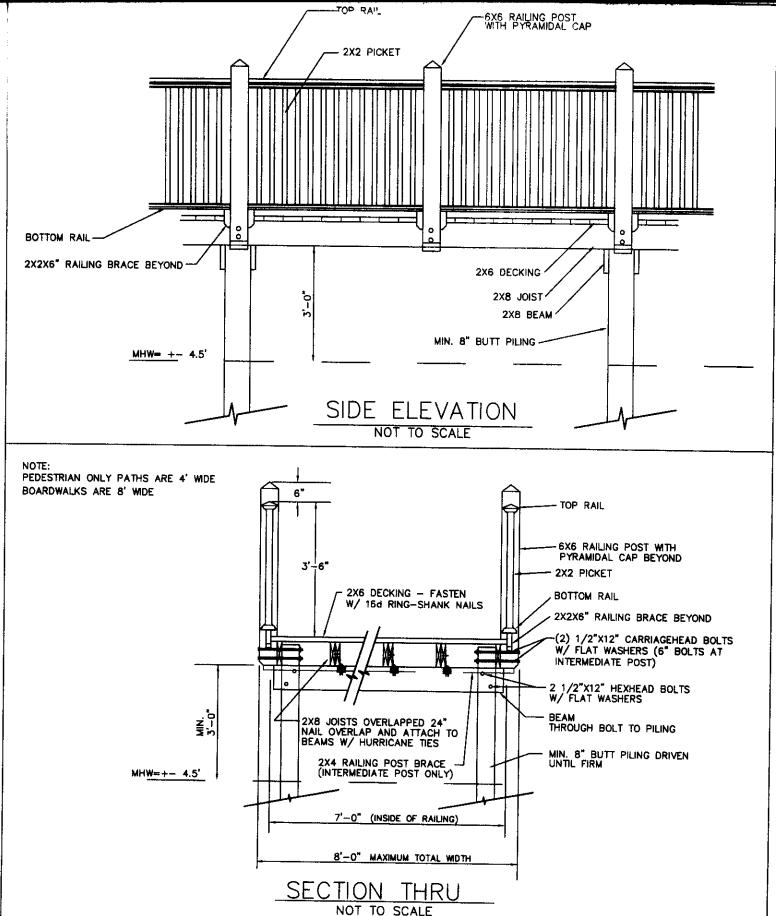
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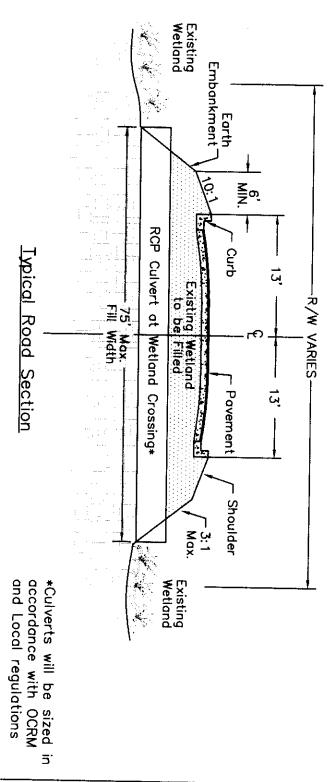
DETAIL: TYPICAL WETLAND FILL

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TYPICAL FRESH/SALT WATER BOARDWALK CROSSINGS SH 15 of 16





TYPICAL ROAD CROSSINGS

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ADVERSE IMPACT FACTORS FOR WETLANDS AND OTHER WATERS OF THE U.S. EXCLUDING STREAMS

| FACTORS | | | OP | TIONS | | |
|--------------------|----------------------------|---------------|---------------|-----------------------|----------------|-------------------|
| Lost Type | Type C 0.2 y Tertiary 0.5 | | | гре В 2.0 | _ | pe A 3.0 |
| Priority Category | | | Sec | ondary 1.5 | Ι | mary 2.0 |
| Existing Condition | Very Impaired 0.1 | • | paired | Slightly Impaired 2.0 | Fully | Functional 2.5 |
| Duration | Seasonal 0.1 | 0 to I 0.2 | 1 to 3 0.5 | 3 to 5 1.0 | 5 to 10 1.5 | Over 10 2.0 |
| Dominant Impact | Shade 0.2 | Clear 1.0 | Dredge 1.5 | Drain 2.0 | Impound 2.5 | Fill 3.0 |
| Cumulative Impact | | | 0.05 | « Σ ΑΑ 1 | | <u> </u> |

Note: For the Cumulative Impact factor, $\Sigma AA_{1 \text{ stands}}$ for the sum of the acres of adverse impacts to aquatic areas for the overall project. When computing this factor, round to the nearest tenth decimal place using even number rounding. Thus 0.01 and 0.050 are rounded down to give a value of zero while 0.051 and 0.09 are rounded up to give 0.1 as the value for the cumulative impact factor. The cumulative impact factor for the overall project must be used in each area column on the Required Mitigation Credits Worksheet below.

Required Mitigation Credits Sample Worksheet

| Factor | Area 1 | Area 2 | Area 3 | | |
|---------------------------|----------------|-----------------------|----------------|--|--|
| Lost Type | 3.0 | 2.0 | 3.0 | | |
| Priority Category | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.5 | | |
| Existing Condition | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | | |
| Duration | 2.0 | 2.0 | 2.0 | | |
| Dominant Impact | 3.0 | 3.0 | 1.0 | | |
| Cumulative Impact | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 | | |
| Sum of r Factors | $R_1 = 11.1$ | R ₂ = 10.1 | $R_3 = 9.1$ | | |
| Impacted Area | $AA_1 = 1.281$ | $AA_2 = 1.538$ | $AA_3 = 0.144$ | | |
| R x AA= | 14.2 | 15.5 | 1.3 | | |

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|--|------|
| Total Required Credits = $\Sigma (\mathbf{R} \times \mathbf{A}\mathbf{A}) =$ | 31.0 |

Area 1 = 404 Jurisdictional Wetland Fill

Area 2 = Isolated Non-jurisdictional Wetland Fill

Area 3 = 404 Jurisdictional Wetland Clearing

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RESTORATION AND ENHANCEMENT MITIGATION FACTORS FOR WETLANDS AND OTHER WATERS OF THE ILS. EXCLUDING STREAMS

| Factors | | | Options | | |
|-----------------|-------------------------|---------------------|-------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|
| Net Improvement | Minimal Enhancem 0.1 | ent | to | Excelle | nt Restoration 4.0 |
| Control | N.A. | Covenant Private | Covenant POA | Conservation Easement | Transfer Fee Title |
| | 0 | 0.1 | 0.2 | 0.4 | Conservancy 0.6 |
| Temporal Lag | N.A.* 0 | Over 20 -0.3 | 10 to 20 -0.2 | 5 to 10 -0.1 | 0 to 5 |
| Credit Schedule | Schedule 5* 0 | Schedule 4 0.1 | Schedule 3 0.2 | Schedule 2 0.3 | Schedule 1 0.4 |
| Kind | Category 5 -0.1 | Category 4 0 | Category 3 0.2 | Category 2 0.3 | Category 1 0.4 |
| Location | Zone 5 -0.1 | Zone 4 0 | Zone 3 0.2 | Zone 2 0.3 | Zone 1 0.4 |

N.A. = Not Applicable

Proposed Restoration or Enhancement Mitigation Sample Worksheet

| Factor | Area 1 | of Emantement Miligation Sample Worksneet |
|------------------|------------------------|---|
| Net Improvement | 0.1 | |
| Control | 0.2 | |
| Temporal Lag | 0 | |
| Credit Schedule | 0 | |
| Kind | 0.4 | |
| Location | 0.4 | |
| Sum of m Factors | M ₁ =1.1 | |
| Mitigation Area | A ₁ =31.646 | |
| M x A = | 34.8 | |

Total Restoration/Enhancement Credits = $\sum (M \times A) = 34.8$

Area 1= Buffer Enhancement

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^{*}Use this option to calculate credits for enhancement by buffering

PRESERVATION MITIGATION FACTORS FOR WETLANDS AND OTHER WATERS OF THE U.S. EXCLUDING STREAMS

| Factors | | 1 | NG STREAMS | tions | | | | |
|--------------------|--------------------------|-------------|------------------------|----------------|---------------------------|---|--|--|
| Priority Category | Tertiary 0.1 | ′ | Seco | ndary .2 | | | imary 0.4 | |
| Existing Condition | Impaired -0.1 | 1 | Slightly | Impaired 0 | | • | unctional 0.1 | |
| Degree of Threat | Low -0.1 | | | ierate). 1 | | | ligh 0.2 | |
| Control | Covenant Private 0 | c | Covenant POA 0.1 | | Conservation Easement 0.4 | | Transfer Fee Title Conservancy 0.6 | |
| Kind | Category 5 -0.1 | Category 4 | Cates | gory 3 | Category 0.2 | 2 | Category 1 0.3 | |
| Location | Zone 5 -0.1 | Zone 4 0 | Zor 0 | ne 3 | Zone 2 0.2 | | Zone 1 0.3 | |

None: Preservation credit should generally be limited to those areas that qualify as Fully Functional or Slightly Impaired. Impaired sites should be candidates for enhancement or restoration credit, not preservation credit. In special circumstances when Impaired sites are allowed preservation credit (e.g. within the scope of some OCRM wetland master planned projects), a negative factor will be used to calculate credits as per the matrix table.

Proposed Preservation Mitigation Sample Worksheet

| Factor | Area 2 | |
|---------------------------|----------------|--|
| Priority Category | 0.1 | |
| Existing Condition | 0.1 | |
| Degree of Threat | 0.1 | |
| Control | 0.1 | |
| Kind | 0.3 | |
| Location | 0.3 | |
| Sum of m Factors | $M_1 = 1.0$ | |
| Mitigation Area | $A_i = 33.732$ | |
| M x A = | 33.7 | |

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|---------------------------|---------------------------------|------|
| Total Preservation | Credits = $\sum (M \times A) =$ | 33.7 |

Area 2 = Wetland Preservation

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I. Required Mitigation

WETLANDS AND OTHER WATERS OF THE U.S. EXCLUDING STREAMS
Mitigation Summary Worksheet For Permit Application #SAC 2006-1138-21G

| A. Total Required Mitigation Credits = 31.0 | | |
|--|---------|--------|
| II. Non-Banking Mitigation Credit Summary | Credits | Acres |
| B. Creation | | |
| C. Restoration and/or Enhancement (non-Buffer Enhancement) | | |
| D. Restoration and/or Enhancement (Buffer Enhancement) | 34.8 | 31.646 |
| E. Total No Net Loss Non-Bank Mitigation = B + C + D | 34.8 | 31.646 |
| F. Preservation | 33.7 | 33,732 |
| G. Total Proposed Non-Bank Mitigation = E + F | 68.5 | 65.378 |
| III. Banking Mitigation Credit Summary | Credits | Acres |
| H. Creation | | |
| I. Restoration and/or Enhancement (non-Buffer Enhancement) | | |
| J. Restoration and/or Enhancement (Buffer Enhancement) | | ** # |
| K. Total No Net Loss Bank Mitigation = H + I + J | | |
| L. Preservation | | |
| M. Total Proposed Bank Mitigation = K + L | | |
| IV. Grand Totals | Credits | Acres |
| N. Total Preservation Mitigation = F + L | 33.7 | 33.732 |
| O. Total Non-Preservation Mitigation = E + K | 34.8 | 31.646 |
| P. Total Creation = B + H | | : |
| Q. Total Restoration and/or Enhancement (Non-Buffer Enhancement) = C + I | | |
| R. Total Proposed Mitigation = G + M | 68.5 | 65.378 |

The Total Mitigation Credits (Row R) should be equal to or greater than the total Required Mitigation Credits (Row A) for the proposed mitigation to be acceptable. The other requirements given in the SOP must also be satisfied, e.g., in the credits column, Row O must equal at least 50% of Row A and the addition of Row P and Row Q must equal at least 25% of Row A. If the answer to any of the questions below is no, then the proposed mix and/or quantity of mitigation is not in compliance with the policy and the plan should be revised or rejected, unless a variance is approved.

| | Yes | No |
|---|-----|----|
| PMC ≥ RMC or in words Are the credits in Row R greater than or equal to Row A? | x | |
| PMC _{Non Preservation} ≥ ½ RMC or in words Are the credits in Row O greater than or equal to 50% of Row A? | X | |
| PMC _{Creation + Restoration/Enhancement (Non-Buffer Enhancement)} ≥ ¼ RMC or in words Are the credits in Row P plus the credits in Row Q greater than or equal to 25% of Row A? | | x |